

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY LOME

TO AMEMBASSY COTONOU

INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 227

AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

AMEMBASSY DAKAR

AMEMBASSY NIAMEY

AMEMBASSY OUAGADOUGOU

AMEMBASSY PARIS

C O N F I D E N T I A L L O M E 0314

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EFIN, XY, DM, TO

SUBJECT: BENIN AND BCEAO

REF: COTONOU 209

1. BCEAO LOME DIRECTOR, MAWUSSI BOEVI LAWSON, DENIED KNOWLEDGE BENIN'S POSSIBLE EXPULSION FROM CFA ZONE. LAWSON REPEATED LAST YEAR'S FREQUENTLY HEARD RUMOR THAT PRB (AT THAT TIME DAHOMEY) DESIRED TO LEAVE CFA ZONE IN FAVOR OF SETTING UP OWN CURRENCY. IF BENIN NOW OR IN FUTURE DESIRES TO STRIKE OUT ON OWN, IT IS FREE TO DO SO, SAID LAWSON.

2. AMBASSADOR ALSO RECEIVED NEGATIVE REACTION FROM FINMIN KODJO WHOM SHE APPROACHED EARLIER THIS WEEK SAME SUBJECT. RAWLS

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